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AMENDMENT A

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 11/03/2005, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper. Clean versions of replacement sheets for the drawings are attached in an appendix following the last page of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.